GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1995

SENATE BILL 169

Short Title: Inspect/Monitor Oil Terminals. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Odom; Blackmon, Winner, and Dannelly.

Referred to: Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

February 9, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO INSPECT OIL TERMINAL FACILITIES IN THE STATE AND MONITOR THESE FACILITIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER OIL IS LEAKING FROM ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS AT THE FACILITIES TO THE LAND, WATERS, OR AIR OF THE STATE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. Part 3 of Article 21A of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143-215.99. Oil terminal facility inspection and monitoring program.

- (a) The Department shall inspect each oil terminal facility in the State and shall monitor each facility to determine whether oil or any other hazardous substance is leaking or being discharged from the aboveground storage tanks at the facility to the land, waters, or air of this State.
- (b) As used in this section, 'aboveground storage tank' means any combination of tanks, including piping connected to the tanks, used to contain an accumulation of petroleum products, the volume of which, including the volume of the piping connected to the tanks, is ten percent (10%) or more above the surface of the ground."

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- Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 1995-96 fiscal year to implement the inspection and monitoring program enacted in Section 1 of this act.
 - Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.